



Caring for the Land and Serving People

Recreation Fees 2005

Forest Accomplishment Report Pacific Northwest Region



Siuslaw National Forest

National Forest	Recreation Fees		Special Use Permits		Golden Passes	
	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures
Columbia Gorge	307,410	255,026	16,385	0	5,421	1,500
Colville	19,497	17,212	0	0	1,553	0
Deschutes	411,009	412,591	73,962	4,831	45,083	37,638
Fremont-Winema	33,955	68,092	9,864	0	2,019	0
Gifford Pinchot	1,225,669	1,043,999	15,117	0	116,040	71,044
Malheur	67,092	39,407	90	0	1,255	0
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie	905,613	845,700	52,283	0	89,202	36,548
Mt. Hood	323,465	295,793	11,879	0	23,706	18,389
Ochoco	31,106	29,537	1,819	706	1,447	0
Okanogan & Wenatchee	645,718	622,382	40,731	6,914	25,015	40,404
Olympic	242,914	183,230	0	0	64,900	4,299
Rogue River-Siskiyou	208,324	204,352	18,261	0	5,753	4,867
Siuslaw	1,682,462	1,887,771	31,936	0	24,263	3,816
Umatilla	74,793	85,862	3,989	0	2,010	0
Umpqua	315,364	339,167	7,453	0	3,285	2,504
Wallowa-Whitman	175,424	153,149	122,397	85,649	4,012	0
Willamette	273,931	227,956	14,313	294	15,014	13,112

Recreation Fees Make a Difference in the Pacific Northwest

With the passage of the Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) in December 2004, the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service focused on providing quality recreation services and facilities in 2005.

The Act enables the Region to continue to retain and reinvest 80-95 percent of the funds collected. These funds help improve and maintain the facilities and services that people use and expect.

Fewer sites in the Region now require fees since the passage of the Act. Recreation passes, such as the Northwest Forest Pass, cover approximately 500 day use sites in the Region. A guide to these sites, including trailheads, picnic areas, boat launches and interpretive facilities, is available at Forest Service offices.

Recreation fees also contributed to the management of over 300 campgrounds, 70 cabin rentals and offered 20 heritage expeditions. The Region issued over 20 kinds of special recreation permits, including wilderness, rivers, boat docks, Christmas trees, cross-country skiing, and climbing.

In 2005, recreation fees contributed approximately \$8 million to the Pacific Northwest Region. These funds will be used in future years to provide safety and security at recreation sites, maintain facilities such as restrooms and trails as well as aid in youth work programs, and supply matching funds for partnerships.

Each Forest has prepared a report, such as this one, showing exactly where funds were used. Thank you for supporting this program and helping us make a difference!

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The Forest uses recreation fees, and partnership funds leveraged with recreation fees, to augment appropriated funds. This helps enable catching up on deferred maintenance and providing more and higher quality services to people paying the fees. Annually the Forest measures how many recreation offerings are managed "to standard", meaning that all prescribed standards for that given recreation opportunity (e.g. trails) are met. Recreation fees expand the ability to manage opportunities "to standard" as shown in the specific accomplishments.



**Visitor Center Entrance:
Before (top) & after
(bottom)**



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Siuslaw Accomplishments



Special Recreation Permit Revenues

- Paid all utility costs, routine facility maintenance, vandalism repair, and most operations costs associated with day use developed recreation sites.
- Paid all collections and compliance costs including ticket machine repairs and contracted cash handling services.
- Paid for the following at Cape Perpetua:
 - ✓ most emergency repair costs,
 - ✓ outdoor deck,
 - ✓ carpeting (combined with Granger-Thye funds), and
 - ✓ photocopy machine.
- Paid for portable toilet rentals in all sites served by sewer plant while repairs were being completed (3+ months).
- Paid for supplemental level IV law enforcement assistance on holiday weekends at Sand Lake Recreation Area and Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area (NRA).
- Paid for year-round level IV support to fee collections and compliance.
- Paid for vault toilet replacement at South Jetty Crab Dock (Oregon Dunes NRA).
- Paid all costs associated with implementing designated dispersed-site sand camping at the Oregon Dunes NRA.
- Paid modification costs for Whispering Spruce Trail accessibility upgrades.
- Partially financed the management (demarcating and signing) of snowy plover habitat areas adjacent to high use recreation areas on the South Zone of the Forest.
- Paid for holiday weekend booth operations at Sand Lake and Oregon Dunes NRA.

Partnerships funded with recreation fees

- Leveraged \$480,000 of State Park ATV Grant and Recreation Trails funds. These funds contributed to operations and maintenance and access road reconstruction at OHV sites on the Oregon Dunes and Sand Lake.
- Paid most costs associated with operations of general forest OHV riding areas at the Oregon Dunes NRA and Sand Lake Recreation Area (the balance was paid with OHV grant funds leveraged with recreation fee funds).
- Paid for visitor contact station set-up and landscaping at the newly reconstructed Devils Churn day use site (\$450,000 of Federal Highways funds leveraged with \$100,000 of recreation fee funds).



Campground Revenues

- Paid for all utility costs, routine facility maintenance, vandalism repair, and most operations costs associated with campgrounds.
- Paid for most volunteer reimbursement costs for campground hosts, caretakers, and interpreters (the balance was paid with partnership funds leveraged with recreation fee funds).

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Devils Churn after Federal Highways &
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